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Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner To Take Place Sunday Evening, January 11th

The Second Annual Congregational Dinner in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue will take place on Sunday evening, January 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Vestry of the Synagogue.

Hon. Bernard Botein and Milton Weill, outgoing Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Board of Trustees are the guests of honor for the evening. In this way the Congregation wishes to pay tribute to these men who have given many years of devoted and selfless service — years marked by tremendous growth of the Synagogue, its activities, membership, and prestige.

The Committee on Arrangements, which is composed of Sanford H. Cohen, Chairman, Abraham N. Geller, Harold H. Levin, Frances Peiper, and Benjamin Sack, has indicated that this year's "party" shall be even more pleasurable than last year's very successful one.

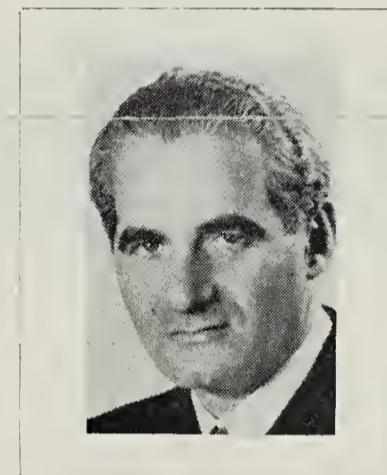
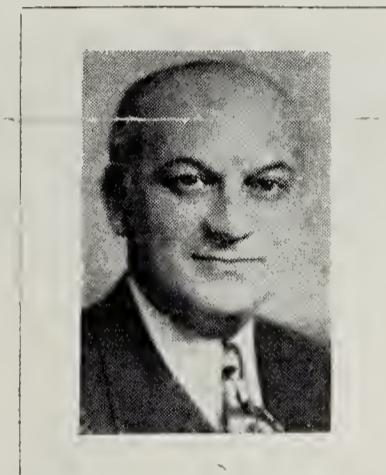
The dinner which will open the evening's festivities will be limited to the first 250 who have sent in reservations due to the limited capacity of the Vestry. The price for the dinner is \$3.75 per person, which, considering costs these days, is very moderate. Those who have not already made reservations and wish

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<i>Sabbath Eve</i>	<i>Friday, January 9th, 8:30 p.m.</i>
Rabbi Milton Steinberg will preach on " <i>The Mystery of Franz Kafka and its Religious Import</i> "	
<i>Sabbath Eve</i>	<i>Friday, January 16th, 8:30 p.m.</i>
Rabbi Erwin Zimet will preach on " <i>The Small Jewish Community and the Large — A Contrast</i> "	
<i>Sabbath Morning</i>	<i>Saturday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Bachurim Group at 10:00 a.m.; Junior Congregation Service at 11:00 a.m.</i>	

Guests of Honor



Milton Weill, one of the most valued and devoted of the leaders of Jewish social, civic and philanthropic causes, who having served for ten years as Vice-Chairman of the Board relinquishes that office to continue as a Board member.

Nominees Named For Synagogue Offices

The members of the Park Avenue Synagogue will be asked to vote new officers into its Congregational leadership at this year's Annual Meeting as Jacob Friedman, Jr. and Charles Weill are re-

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Hon. Bernard Botein, who is retiring from the Chairmanship of the Board after a five year term during which the Synagogue accomplished much; reaching the heights in membership, activities, and prestige it is known for today.

Rabbi Zimet Occupies Pulpit on January 16th

Rabbi Erwin Zimet will once again occupy the pulpit of the Park Avenue Synagogue, on Friday evening, January 16th. He will be affectionately remembered by all but our newest congregants as the associate rabbi and who left our pulpit a year and a half ago to become the spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in Poughkeepsie.

"The Small Jewish Community and the Large—A Contrast" will be Rabbi Zimet's topic for the evening. His experiences of the past few years, first in this Synagogue in the largest Jewish community in the world and more recently in Poughkeepsie, a small one; will provide the background for this sermon.

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The Park Avenue Synagogue announces with deep regret the passing of its Vice President and Trustee

MORRIS EDELMAN

He occupied these positions for many years, serving faithfully and with outstanding devotion to his duties to the Synagogue which he loved so well. The officers, trustees, advisory council and congregants pay tribute to his memory.

**From the Desk of
The Editor**

The Synagogue is proud to report that a very substantial sum was raised for *Haganah* at a recent "parlor meeting" at the home of Mr. I. M. Cohen. This was the first of what promises to be a series of such meetings which will endeavor to reach all of the members of the congregation.

Haganah's needs, however, are so great that we feel that every member of the Synagogue should not wait to be asked to contribute at these meetings but should forthwith send his contribution to the Synagogue.

Organizations within the Synagogue have been cooperating as evidenced by recent donations from the Sisterhood, Junior League and Young Marrieds. The Sisterhood donated \$500.00 from its treasury and at the *Hanukkah* party on December 14th an additional \$700.00 was raised. The Junior League has re-

Will You Attend?

Sunday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m.—Annual Congregational Dinner, 8:45—Meeting. Vestry.

Monday, January 12th, 8:30 p.m.—Committee on Adult Education Lectures. Dr. Benjamin Akzin will speak on "Pattern of the New Judea—Government and Law."

Wednesday, January 14th, 8:30 p.m.—Parents' Association Meeting. Dr. Abraham Franzblau will speak on "Your Child's Emotional Development. Does Religion Help or Hinder It?"

Sunday, January 18th, 3:15 p.m.—Junior League Dance—Vestry.

Monday, January 19th, 8:30 p.m.—Committee on Adult Education Lectures. Dr. Benjamin Akzin will speak on "Pattern of the New Judea—The Economic Structure."

Tuesday, January 20th, 1:30 p.m.—Sisterhood Meeting. Mrs. Rose Halpern will speak on "Can We Put Our Hopes in the United Nations?"

Tuesday, January 20th, 8:30 p.m.—Young Marrieds—Group B—at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Weinberg, 2461 Davidson Avenue, Bronx.

cently contributed \$500.00 which supplemented an earlier gift of the same amount made last March. Both Young Marrieds groups have undertaken to raise the sum of \$500.00.

We should like to further emphasize the urgent need for funds which is not to be confused with the current enormous undertaking of the United Jewish Appeal; as quoted from Leonard Lyons' column in the *New York Post* of December 2nd, "There was an emergency meeting of the executive committee of *Haganah* last night and it was decided that a fund raising drive for the millions of dollars needed to buy tanks, planes and ammunitions be started immediately. This is not intended to supplant the *Haganah* allocations for the United Jewish Appeal Fund, but since these allocations cannot be made for a few months and the needs are current, the campaign will start now."

THE BULLETIN STAFF

Officer Nominations

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tiring as President and Vice-President, respectively.

Mr. Friedman, who completes thirty years as our esteemed President, whose dedication to Judaism as a whole and to our Synagogue in particular has set an outstanding example to be followed, will continue as our Honorary President. His role in the career of the Park Avenue Synagogue cannot be overestimated for, at all times, since its creation, he has been its guiding spirit and motivating force. In its years of distress, he was, above all others, responsible for its survival and regeneration. We are proud to have had him as our leader these past three decades.

Likewise, Mr. Weill, who has been Vice-President of the Park Avenue Synagogue since it was formed when *Agudath Jeshorim* joined with the *Atereth Israel* Congregation of which he was the President thirty years ago, will continue as our Honorary Vice-President. We know it is with regret that Mr. Weill steps from his active role because of his advanced years, and we hope he will continue in his new capacity for many more years to come.

A change is also occurring in the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of our Board of Trustees. Hon. Bernard Botein is retiring as Chairman after a five year term in office during which the mortgage indebtedness of the congregation has been all but completely liquidated, a sizable fund for a new School Building accumulated, the membership roster doubled and the program expanded mightily. Mr. Milton Weill relinquishes the office of Vice-Chairman which he has held for ten years and will continue as a Board member.

The slate of officers for the coming year, submitted by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees is as follows:

President—Dr. E. D. Friedman

Vice-President—Samuel Kogan

Treasurer—George Armour

Asst. Treasurer—Arthur Ochs

Exec. Secretary—Emanuel Rosenthal

Chairman, Bd. of Trustees—

Benjamin Sack

Vice-Chairman—Ezra Cohen

Dr. Emanuel David Friedman, better known to most of us as just E. D. Fried-

man, has been nominated as President for this distinguished physician is a learned and ardent Jew who, knowing the Jewish tradition and loving it is regarded by the Nominating Committee and the Board of Trustees as a splendid embodiment of that combination of traditionalism and modernity toward which our congregation aspires in its group life.

Recently, after 37 years with the New York University College of Medicine as a Professor of Neurology, and Chairman of the Department of Neurology for many of these years, he retired receiving the title of Professor Emeritus. He continues to be chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric Division of Beth Israel Hospital and neuropsychiatrist to the Psychiatric Division of Bellevue Hospital as well as his private consulting practice and some postgraduate teaching at the college.

Mr. Samuel Kogan, who is nominated for the Vice-President, has been one of the Board of Trustees' most faithful and hardworking members.

Those who have been nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees for three years until 1951 are: Hon. Bernard Botein, D. Leonard Cohen, Harold H. Levin, George Lyttle, Arthur Ochs, Simon Rifkind, Milton Weill, and Melvin Krulewitch.

The following have been nominated for membership on the Advisory Council for three years: Benjamin Bernstein, Murray Blumenthal, I. M. Cohen, Isaac Liberman, Irving Geist, Jules Mendel, William Heller, Alex Ostriker, and Herman Weiss.

Congregational Dinner

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to should immediately contact the office of the Synagogue.

It is planned to dispose, with utmost dispatch, of the actual business meeting, which will begin at about 8:45 p.m. after the dinner. All members who cannot attend the dinner are privileged and cordially invited to be present at this and the entertainment portions of the evening events.

The main matter of business will be the election of officers. The Congregation will also be called upon to ratify the recommendation of the Ritual Committee that the Reconstructionist Prayer Book be adopted as the regular Sabbath Prayer Book.



← JACOB FRIEDMAN, JR.

Jacob Friedman, Jr., who after thirty years as the beloved and inspiring active President of the Park Avenue Synagogue is to become its Honorary President, an office in which he can continue to give his guidance to us.



CHARLES WEILL →

Charles Weill, Vice-President of the Park Avenue Synagogue for three decades since its formation who, having achieved advanced years, is retiring from the active to the Honorary Vice-Presidency.



← DR. EMANUEL DAVID FRIEDMAN

Dr. Emanuel David Friedman, distinguished physician, Professor Emeritus of Neurology at N. Y. U. College of Medicine, a learned and ardent Jew who exemplifies "that combination of traditionalism and modernity toward which our congregation aspires in its group life," is nominated for President.



BENJAMIN SACK →

Benjamin Sack, who has won the universal admiration of all who have worked with him for his extraordinary administrative competence and vision, first as Chairman of the School Board and then as Treasurer of the congregation and Chairman of its Finance Committee becomes the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



← EZRA COHEN

Ezra Cohen, who has rendered invaluable service to the congregation and the Board all the many years of his association with both, who served at one time with conspicuous success as Chairman of the School Board and more recently as Chairman of the Membership Committee is slated as our new Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Sisterhood Speaks

The Sisterhood will continue its lecture series, "The Road to Human Dignity" at its next regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Vestry.

"Can We Put Our Hopes in the UN?" will be discussed by Mrs. Rose Halpern, the National President of Hadassah and the only American woman member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. She will be introduced by Mrs. Bertha Hamerman, National American Affairs Chairman of Hadassah and an active member of Sisterhood. Mrs. Halpern has been National Political Chairman for Hadassah and as such has had much experience in the affairs concerning Palestine and the UN. All the women of the Synagogue are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hear at first-hand of momentous happenings."

Mrs. Esther Friedman asks that more volunteers join the Sewing Group. Please contact her at the Synagogue if you have any spare time which you would care to devote to this worthwhile occupation.

Junior League Dance

The Junior League will present its third dance of the season on Sunday afternoon, January 18th at 3:15 p.m. in the Vestry. The Misses Estelle Cross and Phyllis Weiss and Mr. George Spencer are the co-chairmen of this affair. The music will again be provided by Jeno Bartal and his orchestra and the admission charge will be \$1.25. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy themselves and at the same time help the Junior League raise money for the various charities to which it contributes.

Rabbi Erwin Zimet

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Beth-El's congregation has grown steadily since Rabbi Zimet's arrival. As was to be expected, Rabbi Zimet has concentrated on his educational program. A religious school, a junior congregation and adult classes have been launched with success. A vigorous Jewish cultural life has come into being through Rabbi Zimet's efforts.

Following the service an *Oneg Shabbat* will be held in the Vestry.

Rabbi Akzin Initiates Second Adult Series

In a further attempt to draw newcomers into the orbit of Congregational life, all new members of the Congregation have received an invitation to attend, free of charge, the first lecture of the second Adult Education Committee series entitled "Pattern of the New Judea," scheduled to get underway Monday evening, January 12, 1948, at 8:30 p.m., in the Vestry. The Committee is confident that many will respond to the invitation, and the number of active participants in the adult education program will be increased.

The series is set for Monday evenings: January 12: "Government and Law"; January 19: "The Economic Structure"; January 26: "The Religious and Cultural Pattern"; and February 2: "The Arab Minority".

The first speaker of the series will be Dr. Benjamin Akzin, political specialist for the American Zionist Emergency Council, and formerly a member of the President's War Refugee Board. Dr. Akzin brings to the lecture on proposed governmental and legal structure of the new Jewish State, a wealth of information gained from study and work in governmental bodies and with Jewish Agencies both in Europe and in this country.

The series itself, "Pattern of the New Judea", is designed to meet many questions which members of the Congregation must have about the establishment of a government in Eretz Yisrael. The manifold problems of legislative and administrative structure, of finance and economy, as well as those of religion and culture, and political relationships, both within the New State and in its foreign relations—all these will be briefed by experts at the three lectures following that by Dr. Akzin. The names of future speakers will appear in the next issue of THE BULLETIN.

In a report to Harold H. Levin, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, Mrs. Milton N. Grass stated that its program innovation for the year 1947-1948, The Home Study Groups, of which she is chairman, has been a resounding success. Members of the Congregation still desiring to join or establish one of their own, may contact Mrs. Grass through the Synagogue office.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association has made big plans for the mid-year Open Meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, January 14th, at 8:30 p.m. in the Vestry.

The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Abraham Franzblau, Dean of the School of Religious Education, Hebrew Union College. Dr. Franzblau, who is educator, psychologist, and physician, brings his vast experience and rich background to the discussion of children's emotions. His talk is entitled: "Your Child's Emotional Development: Does Religion Help or Hinder It?"

The faculty of the Religious School will be present for the meeting. In this way the parents will be able to meet with their child's instructor and seek all the desired information.

The Parents' Association will be host that evening to another Parents' Association, that of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. Everyone is urged to attend. As usual, the Hospitality Committee will provide the refreshments to follow.

Bar Mitzvahs

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Josephthal on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Daniel, on January 10th.

Anniversaries

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weill, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on January 4th; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet and to Dr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Holzman, who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on January 8th and January 10th respectively; and to Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Mayer, who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on January 21st.

Deaths

The Synagogue extends its sympathy to Mr. Fred Braverman, on the death of his mother, Sarah Braverman; to Mrs. Michael Kramer, on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Rose Rich, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Rich; to Mrs. Jack Marks, on the death of her mother, Julia Singer; and to Dr. Arthur Morse, on the loss of his mother, Katie Morse.